Chair Ken Wexler called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM in the Upstairs Meeting Room of the Town Office. Quorum was achieved with Ken and Lauren Dillard present; Lauren Swartzbaugh had a planned absence. There were 7 residents in attendance.

1. Approve minutes of the July 7, 2022 meeting Ken moved to approve, Lauren D seconded, the vote was unanimous in favor.

## 2. Elect new Chairperson.

Ken explained it was time to pass on the torch of heading up this Committee and Lauren D offered to serve as Chair. Lauren D ran the meeting from this point forward.

## 3. Airport Manager's update.

Jeremy Shaw reported on completed projects (HVAC, ops facility, one Phase-1 hangar), in-progress projects (grading, terminal hangar, Phase 1 electrical service) and future projects (solar). No decision has been made on how to proceed with Hangar Phase 2.

Summer activity has been normal; Cape Air is close to pre-pandemic levels. The airport has new equipment to cost-effectively maintain its 700 acres of land.

## 4. Old Business:

• Interlocal agreement ("ILA").

Although the County rejected the proposed ILA and no further negotiations are foreseeable, Rosemary Draper asked what's next. Discussion focused on opening communication with the County, which Brad Ketcher had also encouraged at the APAC meeting Monday. Per Shaw, the FAA's position was that the previous ILA was null and not enforceable the whole time. He said this stance extends for 20 years after a grant, so the latest solar project extends this stance to 2042. The FAA is reducing what they fund (no longer maintaining runway 321). The County wants to be financially independent of the FAA in the future.

## Moratorium

<u>Timeframe</u>: The moratorium is in place, unless extended, through Feb 24, 2023. Our Select Board can unilaterally extend it at that time (as Camden's Select Board did this week). <u>Scope</u>: The Moratorium's focus is on ordinances. Attendees reviewed the circulated compilation of existing ordinances.

<u>Budget</u>: OHAC does not have budget but Town leadership doubled the annual legal budget fearing that the County would sue the Town for imposing a moratorium. (Shaw stated the County won't sue the Town; it would just defend itself if sued). Can that reactive legal funding instead be spent on proactive work that prevents a lawsuit?

Attendees collectively identified residents with relevant expertise to ask to volunteer. <u>Communication: Public Involvement</u>: Discussed a survey of all residents, like the Comprehensive Plan committee did in the past. The purpose is to determine the voters' position on changes they want going forward. Ken and Lauren D voted to conduct a survey.

<u>Communication: Select Board ("SB")</u>: Lauren D will ask the SB on Monday to add OHAC to the regular SB agenda to provide updates with two-way dialogue. SB was anti-moratorium but find out their forward-looking position.

<u>Communication: Town Committees</u>: Planning Board, Ordinance Committee, Appeals Board, CEO <u>Communication: County</u>: Attendees endorsed what John Murphy said at the public hearing: ask the County to "put in writing" that they're not going to expand airport size, nor allow commercial jet service, nor increase runway length/width/infrastructure; that they will respect delineated wetlands. What would they also commit to w/r/t "non-expansion of activity"? Commissioner Sharyn Pohlman invited Ken and Lauren D to speak to the Commissioners. Ken will ask her to put us on the agenda for the Commissioners' October meeting. <u>Communication: FAA</u>: Learn more about the FAA, grant assurances, and local Town autonomy.

<u>Next steps</u>: Meet frequently to generate momentum and focus, starting with Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> and the 29th at the same time (4:00). Find out from MMA any differences between official Committee meetings versus non-decision-making working sessions.

At Monday's Public Comments period, ask to be a standing SB agenda item for updates and interaction. SB may be appointing new members at that meeting (Shaw has volunteered and attendee Draper said she will be volunteering). Confirm OHAC meetings can use Town's remote meeting policy or if it needs its own. Ask for budget. Obtain OHAC email from Town. Ask Commissioner Pohlman to put us on the agenda for the next County Commissioners' meeting.

Contact local experts to volunteer.

Prepare a survey to review at September 22 meeting.

5. New Business / Items from the Floor: There were none.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Lauren Dillard